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REMARKS

Claim 1 was objected to including subject matter that was not listed in the Specification. The Applicants believe that support for EPR, EPDM and mixtures thereof is found at paragraph [0063] of the Specification.

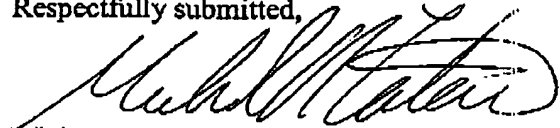
Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 12. Thus, it is believed that amended claim 1 and all claims dependent thereon are patentable over Shama and Crompton and Aoyama.

Claims 1-4, 6 and 13 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent Number 6695718. A Terminal Disclaimer for U.S. patent Number 6695718 is submitted herewith.

The Applicants therefore respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

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